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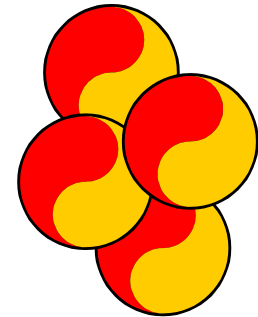
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# Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program in Kentucky



Providing a partnering of nursing,  
forensic medicine, law enforcement,  
and victim services across the  
Commonwealth.

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## WHAT IS A SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER?

A sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) is a registered nurse trained in the forensic examination of victims of sexual assault and credentialed by the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN). A nurse examiner conducts the examination, collects and preserves evidence, and testifies in legal proceedings.

The SANE nurse becomes an integral part of the multidisciplinary team investigating the survivors of sexual assault, and should be knowledgeable in the nursing process, forensic nursing concepts, victim's issues, and legal responsibilities.

## WHY CREATE A SANE PROGRAM IN KENTUCKY?

The SANE Program is a statewide commitment to provide compassionate and comprehensive response to individuals 14 years and older who have been the victims of sexual assault.

## HOW IS THE SANE PROGRAM BEING IMPLEMENTED?

The SANE Program is a collaborative effort among KBN and representatives of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Cabinet for Health Services, the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, the Kentucky Hospital Association, the Kentucky Association on Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Nursing Programs, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Kentucky State Police Forensic Lab. Also assisting in developing this program are two registered nurses with forensic experience, and two individuals with experience in victim services.

The Kentucky SANE Program will become operational upon the availability of registered nurses who have obtained a SANE credential issued by KBN.

## HOW DO YOU BECOME A SANE NURSE?

To apply for the SANE credential, you must:

- Hold a current, active registered nurse license in Kentucky.
- Have completed a KBN approved SANE educational course or comparable course.
- Complete the "Application for Initial SANE Credential."
- Pay a \$120 fee.

The SANE credential must be renewed every two years and expires concurrently with the registered nurse license. Renewal of the credential requires the completion of five (5) contact hours of continuing education related to the role of the SANE nurse. The five (5) contact hours may be included in the required thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education for renewal of the registered nurse license.

## WHO OFFERS SANE TRAINING?

It is anticipated that approved SANE courses will be established in Kentucky in the near future. Through administrative regulation, KBN established criteria governing Kentucky SANE courses and an application process for course approval. A copy of the regulation and additional information may be obtained from the KBN office by calling (502) 329-7000, or on the website at <http://kbn.ky.gov>.

## AM I AUTOMATICALLY CREDENTIALLED AS A SANE NURSE IN KENTUCKY IF I RECEIVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAINING?

No. If the Board determines that you received comparable training in another state, you will be required to complete a 5-hour training program specific to the Kentucky legal system. This program initially will be offered through the Office of the Attorney General.

## CAN A SANE PERFORM CHILD EXAMS?

The SANE Advisory Council has designed the initial program to prepare registered nurses to perform forensic evaluation of sexual assault victims 14 years of age or older.

## WILL I BE REIMBURSED AS A SANE?

Legislation promulgated by the Attorney General's office establishes the rate to be paid to hospitals, physicians, and SANEs for the examination of sexual assault victims.

## WHAT DO HOSPITALS NEED TO KNOW?

Hospitals must be fully informed about providing victim services as governed by KRS Chapter 216B and the utilization of physicians, sexual assault nurse examiners, and established statewide medical protocol.

## WHAT LEGISLATION GOVERNS THE SANE PROGRAM?

KRS 314.011(4) and 314.142  
KRS 216B.400(2), (4), and (6)  
201 KAR 20:411 and 40 KAR 3:010